

(i) a naturally occurring polynucleotide comprising the sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3,

(ii) a naturally occurring polynucleotide having at least 70% identity with a naturally occurring polynucleotide of (i) and, in naturally occurring neural cells, has its expression modulated when the cells are subjected to neurotoxic stress, or

(iii) a naturally occurring polynucleotide capable of hybridizing under moderately stringent conditions to a naturally-occurring polynucleotide of (i) or (ii) and, in naturally-occurring neural cells, has its expression modulated when the cells are subjected to neurotoxic stress;

(b) a variant of (a) which has an amino acid sequence having at least 70% identity to said protein of (a) and retains the biological activity thereof;

(c) a fragment of (a) or (b) which retains the biological activity thereof; or

(d) a functional derivative or salt of (a), (b) or (c).